

# RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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## Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes

June 2, 2004

Wyoming Department of Agriculture Conference Room, Cheyenne, WY

Members Present: Alan Todd, President  
Helen Jones, Vice President  
Arlene Brown  
Reed Gardner  
Spencer Ellis  
Lee Otto  
Meghan Lally  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture  
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

Members Absent: Leif Udem

Youth Leadership Advisory: Ryan Ells  
Emily Horton  
David Largent

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Todd at 8:05 a.m. on April 12, 2004.

### Approval of Minutes

**Gardner moved to approve the February 11, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Jones. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### Conservation District Appointments

**Jones moved that the appointment of Jack Berger to fill the position vacated by Michael Evans to the SER Conservation District be approved. Seconded by Otto. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Brown moved that the appointment of Darrell Walker to the al-large position and Brad Bousman to the rural position be approved to accommodate Walker moving into town and being able for both to still serve on the Board. Seconded by Gardner. Lally moved that the appointment of Callay Danford to fill the position vacated by the late Steve Adams be approved. Seconded by Brown. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### Farm Services Agency Update

Lois VanMARK handed out an outline of the information presented and sample maps of GIS that the Agency is beginning to use. She reviewed the process used in declaring the drought stricken counties. She also talked about the emergency loans that are available through the FSA office, when producers are not able to receive funding elsewhere. John suggested the cattle be shipped to the hay supply rather than ship the hay to the cattle and wondered if FSA would help pay for it. Lois asked if John could write a letter for her to take to the state

committee so they could then take it on to the federal government.

### **Director's Report**

John talked about reorganization of the WDA building and personnel. He said they will be filling the vacancies left by Shirley and Laurie. Roy Reichenbach is the new Technical Services manager.

A new group has been formed for wild horses. He said nine million dollars is possible for this year's BLM budget and twelve million for next year. He side that by December 31, Wyoming should be at our AML's.

The Green Mountain plan is progressing in time to meet BLM's deadlines. BLM has agreed to accept the plan if it is reasonable.

The Emergency Insect Management Committee has received five addition requests for funding and they will be reviewed soon. 1.6 million is going to be spend this year so the department may request supplemental budget funding for next year.

John talked some about the 1 cent habitat fund from oil and gas revenue to be used to buy easements to prevent development and save farms and ranches.

He also gave the board an update on the Premiss ID and what is the department would like to see. He feels it should be an identifiable location of origin of all commodities.

### **Smoke Issue**

Dan Olsen from DEQ came to visit with the board on the smoke regulations regarding burning of ditches, etc.

### **Non-fat Milk Program**

Matt Hoobler visited about the possible milk program for this year and he will keep the board informed on the progress and development of the program.

### **Youth Advisory Reports**

Ryan Ells talked about vegetable seed production and Emily Horton said she's been working with FFA and is running for state office.

Bob Tavagie visited about Stock Grower's and the Beef Council.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan Todd, President

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Date

Attachments:

Attendance Sheet

Conservation District Appointments